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REMARKS

Claims 38 and 39 have been amended. Claim 39 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Support for the amendment of Claim 38 is found throughout the specification such as at p. 9, lines 29-30; and the examples on pp. 23-31.

§ 102 Rejections

Claims 1-39 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(a) as being anticipated by Yoshida et al. (EP 0126397).

As previously argued, the claims of the present patent application are directed to a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

Although Yoshida does teach a naphthalene acrylate derivative, as alleged by the Examiner, Yoshida fails to teach or suggest a pressure-sensitive adhesive. At p. 8, line 28-36, Yoshida states

The resins produced from the polymerizable compositions of the present invention have a refractive index of 1.58 to 1.65, depending upon the compositions of the monomers, which is higher than those of conventional transparent thermosetting resins (urea resin = 1.54, melamine resin = 1.55, alkyd resin = 1.54, diallylphthalate resin = 1.56, diethylene glycol bisallyl carbonate resin = 1.499). Furthermore, the transparent resins produced from the polymerizable compositions of the present invention have excellent thermal resistance and surface hardness. Therefore, the resins according to the present invention can be advantageously used as spectacle lenses and also as camera lenses, sealers for luminescent diodes, adhesives for lenses, luminous head binders, and other optical elements, decorative cast articles, and coating compositions.

Although "adhesives for lenses" is described, such adhesives are typically not pressure-sensitive adhesives. Further, based on the hardness values reported in Table I, one of ordinary skill in the art would conclude that all of the compositions described in Table I are not pressure-sensitive adhesives.

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In conclusion, the Applicant submits that Yoshida fails to teach or suggest a pressure-sensitive adhesive. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection and a timely allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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